

REMARKS

In the **final** Official Action of December 28, 2009, the Office noted that claims 1, 3, 4, 7-13 and 18-23 were pending and rejected claims 1, 3, and 21-23, the remaining claims either being cancelled or withdrawn. In this amendment claims 1 and 23 have been amended, no claim has been canceled, and, thus, in view of the foregoing, claims 1, 3, 4, 7-13 and 18-23 remain pending for reconsideration which is requested. No new matter has been added. The Office's rejections are traversed below.

OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

The disclosure stands objected to for informalities. In particular, the Office asserts that the title of the Specification is not descriptive. The Applicants have amended the title to overcome the objection. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of the title of the Specification.

Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

REJECTIONS under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1, 3, and 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the Office asserts that the phrase "each cross section" is unclear or

each cross section lacks antecedent basis.

The Applicants have amended the claim to clarify the claim. Support for the amendment may be found, for example, in the claim as originally filed and Fig. 16 of the Specification. The Applicants submit that no new matter is believed to have been added by the amendment of the claim.

Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

SUMMARY

It is submitted that the claims satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 112. It is also submitted that claims 1, 3, 4, 7-13 and 18-23 continue to be allowable. It is further submitted that the claims are not taught, disclosed or suggested by the prior art. The claims are therefore in a condition suitable for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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